service to a majority of those who took it, for a certain time. That it did not always cure the disease, is a reproach which it must divide with diuretic remedies of much older celebrity.

The Iris gracilis, a species described in the Florula Bostoniensis, the Iris pseudacorus of Europe, and several others of the genus, appear to possess properties very similar to those of the plant described.

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PLATE XVI.

Fig. 1. *Iris versicolor.*

Fig. 2. *Style and stigmas with a stamen.*

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